

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

Cancel claims 1 - 32 and add new claims as follows.

1 - 32. (Cancelled).

33. (New) A curable mineral construction product comprising a water redispersible polymer composition, said redispersible polymer powder composition comprising a water redispersible polymer powder, and admixed therewith, a solid biocide, the biocide being present in an amount such that the biocide is present in the water redispersible polymer powder composition in an amount of from 0.001 to 0.5 percent by weight, based on the weight of the water redispersible polymer powder composition.

34. (New) The curable mineral construction product of claim 33, wherein the water redispersible polymer powder composition is prepared by spray drying an aqueous polymer dispersion together with said biocide.

35. (New) The curable mineral construction product of claim 33, wherein the water redispersible polymer powder composition is prepared by spray drying an aqueous polymer dispersion to form a water redispersible polymer powder, and the biocide is admixed in solid form with the water redispersible polymer powder to form a water redispersible polymer powder composition.

36. (New) The curable mineral construction product of claim 33, which contains a hydraulically settable mineral binder.

37. (New) The curable mineral construction product of claim 33 which is a cement-free product.

38. (New) The curable mineral construction product of claim 33, wherein the biocide consists of at least one of an isothiazolinone or a benzimidazole.

39. (New) The curable mineral construction product of claim 33, wherein the biocide consists of one or more biocides selected from the group consisting of N-octylisothiazolinone, dichloro-N-octylisothiazolinone, chloromethylisothiazolinone, methylisothiazolinone, benzisothiazolinone, 2-(methoxycarbonylamino)benzimidazole, 2,4-diamino-6-methylthio-1,3,5-triazine derivatives, o-phenylphenol, substituted ureas and phenylureas, phthalimide derivatives, iodocarbamate, pyrethroids, chloroacetamide, sodium borate, methylisopropylphenol, barium metaborate, and dithiocarbaminates.

40. (New) The curable mineral construction product of claim 39, wherein the biocide consists of one or more biocides selected from the group consisting of N-octylisothiazolinone, dichloro-N-octylisothiazolinone, chloromethylisothiazolinone, methylisothiazolinone, benzisothiazolinone, 2-(methoxycarbonylamino)benzimidazole, 2,4-diamino-6-methylthio-1,3,5-triazine derivatives, o-phenylphenol, substituted ureas and phenylureas, phthalimide derivatives, iodocarbamate, pyrethroids, chloroacetamide, sodium borate, methylisopropylphenol, barium metaborate, and dithiocarbaminates.

41. (New) The construction product of claim 33, wherein at least one film forming polymer comprises a polymer polymerized from one or more monomers selected from the group consisting of vinyl esters, (meth)acrylic esters, vinylaromatics, olefins, 1,3-dienes, vinyl halides, and optionally, further monomers copolymerizable therewith.

42. (New) The construction product of claim 33, wherein at least one film forming polymer comprises a copolymer comprising vinyl acetate and ethylene, a copolymer comprising vinyl acetate, ethylene and a vinyl ester of  $\alpha$ -branched monocarboxylic acids

having from 9 to 11 carbon atoms, or a copolymer comprising styrene and one or more of methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, propyl acrylate, n-butyl acrylate, or 2-ethylhexyl acrylate.

43. (New) A process for increasing the resistance of a cured mineral building product to microbial growth, comprising adding to a curable mineral building product composition, a water redispersible polymer powder composition containing at least one spray dried water redispersible polymer powder admixed with at least one solid biocide.

44. (New) The process of claim 43, wherein the redispersible polymer powder composition is prepared by spray drying an aqueous polymer dispersion and a biocide.

45. (New) The process of claim 44, wherein at least one biocide consists of at least one isothiazolinone or benzimidazole.

46. (New) The process of claim 45, wherein the biocide consists of one or more biocides selected from the group consisting of N-octylisothiazolinone, dichloro-N-octylisothiazolinone, chloromethylisothiazolinone, methylisothiazolinone, benzisothiazolinone, 2-(methoxycarbonylamino)benzimidazole, 2,4- diamino-6-methylthio-1,3,5-triazine derivatives, o-phenylphenol, substituted ureas and phenylureas, phthalimide derivatives, iodocarbamate, pyrethroids, chloroacetamide, sodium borate, methylisopropylphenol, barium metaborate, and dithiocarbaminates.

47. (New) A process for the preparation of a curable, biocide-containing mineral building material of claim 33, comprising admixing

- a) one or more mineral building composition components;
- b) water; and
- c) a redispersible polymer powder composition comprising at least one film forming redispersible polymer powder and a biocidal additive of at least one biocide, said biocidal component present in an amount of from 0.001

to 0.5 weight percent based on the weight of the redispersible polymer powder composition.

48. (New) The process of claim 47, wherein the biocide consists of one or more of an isothiazolinone or benzimidazole, which is incorporated into the water redispersible polymer powder by spray drying an aqueous polymer dispersion and a biocide.